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IN HIS SPEECH TO THE DINNER AUDIENCE, CLARK SAID THE CURRENT "ANXIETIES" OF AMERICA MUST BE VIEWED IN THE PERSPECTIVE THAT OTHER TIMES AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE TROUBLED.
"WE HAVE HAD RIOTS IN THIS NATION FAR MORE DEADLY THAN THESE TERRIBLE RIOTS OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS," HE SAID.
CLARK HAILED THE NEWLY SIGNED CIVIL RIGHTS BILL AS "A NEW BASIC CHARTER FOR FREEDOM" BUT WARNED THE NATION MUST MOVE FORWARD ON ALL FRONTS TO BRING THE "ALIENATED" - "THE YOUNG, THE POOR AND THE MINORITIES" - INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE.
"THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR SOCIAL STABILITY WHILE WE UNDERTAKE THE MIGHTY TASK ESSENTIAL TO RECLAIM OUR CITIES, OUR POVERTY-STRICKEN...SOCIAL STABILITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROGRESS," HE SAID.
"THE POLICE MUST KNOW THAT OVER-REACTION OR UNDER-REACTION WILL CAUSE A RIOT THAT CAN ONLY DIVIDE THE COUNTRY, CLARK SAID.
"THE POLICEMAN IN THE U.S. THIS YEAR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN WE HAVE...ON HIS COOLNESS, ON HIS INTELLIGENCE...RESTS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE" FOR AVERTING DISRUPTIVE VIOLENCE WHILE WORKING FOR PROGRESS, HE SAID.
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